

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated April 8, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13 stand rejected by the Examiner. By way of the foregoing amendment, claims 6, 7, 12 have been amended, and claims 9, 10, 13 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter has been added. Claims 6, 7 and 12 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action dated April 8, 2008, claims 6-7, 9-10, and 12-13 stand objected to because of informalities. Applicants canceled claims 9, 10, 13. Further, Applicants amended claims 6, 7, 12 to delete "a" in line 4 of each claim and changed "Wherein," into "wherein." Furthermore, Applicants also amended claims 6, 7, 12 to delete improper Markush groups. Thus, all objections to the claims have been addressed. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated April 8, 2008, claims 9-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. By way of the foregoing amendment, Applicants canceled claims 9-10. Thus, this rejection is moot, and Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments and remarks clearly place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of the response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution.

If there are any other fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-2353. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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